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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 121

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Sir:

This is a request for a filing a divisional application under 35 U.S.C. 121, of allowed prior application:

Serial No.: 09/304132

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Entitled: Process For the Modification Of Elastomers With Surface

Interpenetrating Polymer Networks and Elastomers Formed

Therefrom

Inventors: Yading Wang, Robert van Boxtel, and Stephen Q. Zhou

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application number 09/304132, filed May 30, 2000, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like are made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United Stated Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2. [x] The preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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- 7. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230. The original and one copy of this document are enclosed.

8. [x] Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent application Serial No. 09/304132 filed May 30, 2000.--

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